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CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Leasing of Dornier Aircraft by Air India
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes to lease ten Dornier aircraft to boost its regional operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India has set up three committees regarding induction of a new type of jetliner and a final decision on the matter would be taken up after receiving reports from the panels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Air India would operate more regional flights through Air India"s Alliance Air and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d) : Yes Madam. Alliance Air (a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India) would induce Dornier aircraft in its fleet for operations to new stations after operational resources are properly augmented, and subject to commercial and operational viability.;
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(e) : Yes, Madam. Alliance Air is in the process of inducting 70 seater ATR-72-600 type of turbo prop aircraft in order to improve regional air connectivity in the country. Eight aircraft have already been inducted and are already serving smaller routes within the country. These aircraft are proposed to be deployed on Tier 2 & 3 cities to improve regional connectivity as proposed in the new National Civil Aviation Policy as envisaged by Ministry of Civil Aviation.